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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION--CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

(1) THE INDEPENDENT DAILY SINAR HARAPAN IN A SEPTEMBER 6 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "A REALISTIC OPTIMISM" SAID "ALTHOUGH WE COULD NOT SAY THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT HAS ANY BRIGHT PROSPECTS, THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR OPTIMISM, BECAUSE THE TWO PARTIES NEED A SOLUTION AND BOTH FACE A VERY LARGE RISK IF WAR RESUMES. THERE IS NO DOUBT BUT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL EMPHASIZE THIS TO ANWAR SADAT AND TO BEGIN. AS FAR AS PRESIDENT CARTER HIMSELF IS CONCERNED, A FAILURE AT CAMP DAVID WOULD MEAN A DETERIORATION IN HIS PRESTIGE BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD."

(2) THE LEFT-OF-CENTER, NATIONALISTIC DAILY MERDEKA--WHICH CARRIED ON PAGE ONE A TWO-COLUMN STORY HEADED "MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PESSIMISTIC ON CAMP DAVID SUMMIT: OF NO VALUE WITHOUT THE SOVIET UNION", RAN SEPTEMBER 7 AN EDITORIAL, SIMPLY HEADED, "CAMP DAVID MEETING."

(3) THE MERDEKA EDITORIAL SAID SUCCESS OF THE MEETING CAN BE MEASURED ONLY BY ONE, ISRAELI WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, AND, SECOND, ESTABLISHMENT  
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OF AND RECOGNITION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE. "THE CAMP DAVID MEETING", SAID MERDEKA, "PREDICTABLY CAN SUCCEED ONLY IF THE U.S. IS SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING BEGIN AND SADAT ON THE NEED TO NEGOTIATE THE AFOREMENTIONED PRINCIPAL ISSUES. IF THE MEETING DOES NOT, OR FAILS TO TOUCH UPON THE ESSENCE OF THE ISSUES, THEN THE RESULT WILL INEVITABLY BE A FAILURE".

(4) FURTHER, MERDEKA DECLARED, IF THERE IS "A SEPARATE AGREEMENT WHICH DOES NOT COVER ALL ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, THERE WILL BE NO SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT AS A WHOLE. THIS WILL CREATE NEW POLARIZATIONS... AND AN EVEN MORE UNCERTAIN PROSPECT."

(5) THE INDEPENDENT DAILY KOMPAS, LARTEST CIRCULATION IN INDONESIA, IN A SEPTEMBER 6 EDITORIAL, "THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT" SAID THERE ARE "NO GUARANTEES" OF A BREAKTHROUGH. "IF CAMP DAVID FAILS, WHAT ELSE REMAINS TO STOP THE THREAT OF A NEW WAR? CAMP DAVID IS THE FINAL ROAD IN DIPLOMACY..." KOMPAS, HOWEVER, SAID THE MEETING "DEMONSTRATES TO MORAL COURAGE OF PRSIDENT CARTER, PARTICULARL IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT DECLINE IN HIS POPULARITY".

(6) BERITA YUDHA, A PAPER WITH TIES TO THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES, SAID CARTER HAS MADE "A COURAGEOUS BUT VERY RISKY MOVE," ADDIING THE "WASHINGTON,(HOWEVER), APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY PARTY WITH THE ABILITY... TO ASSURE THAT ISRAEL WILL ACCEPT A SOLUTION ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO THE ARABS." CHANCES OF ANY IMMEDIATE SUCCESS, IT SAID, ARE "VERY LIMITED." ENDUSINFO.  
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